



Press Release

ConnectNY Joins Project ReShare's Founding Members Program

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CNY (ConnectNY), Inc. is pleased to announce it has joined Project ReShare, along with six other new members, including the libraries of Louisiana State University, Michigan State University, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Texas A&M University, The University of Alabama, and The University of Chicago as the newest participants in the community's Founding Members Program.

ReShare's Founding Members Program allows libraries and consortia to contribute to Project ReShare and have a clear voice in the project's direction. By becoming Founding Members, these organizations have expressed enthusiasm for the development of this community-owned infrastructure, as well as a demonstrated commitment to ensuring Project ReShare remains a user-centered, innovative force for resource sharing in libraries. Project ReShare, together with these new members, will continue in its mission to work directly with libraries to improve the value and impact of resource sharing networks and the tools used to support them.

Pam Jones, CNY Executive Director, expressed excitement about Project ReShare and its potential to positively impact library services:

"CNY is looking for a new approach to resource sharing and ReShare provides the opportunity to be part of a library developed, owned, and managed product--something new in the resource sharing environment! The flexibility to adapt components of ReShare to create specific workflows makes ReShare very different from current platforms. I am very pleased that CNY will be part of the ReShare community and look forward to seeing the strategic collaborations that come out of its development."

"Interest from the library community is indicative of the need for change in this space, and we're thrilled to welcome these libraries to the project as Founding Members," said Jill Morris, ReShare Steering Committee Chair. "ReShare represents a unique opportunity to shift the paradigm in how libraries and consortia work with commercial organizations as partners, and how we gain agency in improving services to our users. These new members are lending their expertise and financial contributions to the project, and by doing so, they are giving a voice to their library staff and patrons that is simply not possible in typical pay-for-service models."



ReShare plans its first alpha release of the software later this Fall, with additional releases planned in Spring and Summer of 2020. ReShare announced its Founding Member Program in June 2019 and is currently accepting applications. For more information on how to get involved and support the project, please visit: <https://projectreshare.org>.

About ReShare

The ReShare Community is a group of libraries, consortia, information organizations and developers, with both commercial and non-commercial interests, who came together in 2018 to create Project ReShare—a new and open approach to library resource sharing. The ReShare Community has a bold vision for building a user-centered, app-based, community-owned resource sharing platform for libraries that will set the standard for how we connect library patrons to the resources and information they require. Contact info@projectreshare.org for more information.

About ConnectNY

CNY (ConnectNY), Inc. is a consortium of independent academic institutions in New York State. The mission of CNY is to share collections, leverage resources, and enhance services through cooperative initiatives and coordinated activities. CNY focuses on the community, empowering members to provide vital resources to their patrons when and where they are most needed. Since its inception in 2001, CNY has expanded its services and programs to include a robust e-book program, a shared print trust, and most recently, an OER program. Proudly membership-driven, the organization strives to be adaptable, future-facing, and dedicated to the user experience.

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